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religious faith and moral principle. On the other hand, there is equally little doubt that in the trusts which he actually sustained he acquitted himself with assiduity and faithfulness. His infidelity and immorality had only too many parallels among his contemporaries both in military and in political life; for the worst leaven of French Jacobinism had infused itself to a most alarming extent into American republicanism. Others, no better than he, were more fortunate, and their errors sleep with them, or, if not wholly lost from sight, are carefully extenuated by partial biographers. The failure of his Southwestern expedition put the black seal upon his history, and whatever good there was in him seemed destined to eternal oblivion. It was hardly possible that myths should not have clustered about the heroic age of our independence and our early career as a nation. Mr. Parton contends that Burr's character had become to a certain extent mythical, and he has sought to rend away the veil that had been suffered to conceal some of its features from sight. We are not prepared, certainly not till we have read the work, to acquiesce in its conclusions; but we do say that it deserves candid and impartial perusal.

NOTE TO ARTICLE VII.

SINCE this article was printed, we have received the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, in which he gives as the aggregate indebtedness of the railroad companies in the United States \$ 417,243,664, and as their aggregate capital, \$ 491,435,661, thus making what is at this moment chargeable to their "construction account" \$ 908,679,325. These figures present a stronger case than the approximate estimates we gave.

ERRATA.

Page 182, line 22, *for circulation, read capital.*
" 186, " 13, " 1793, *read 1797.*